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O, why should truest Worth
 and Genius pine,
 Beneath the iron grasp of
 Want and Woe,
 While titled knaves and idiot-
 greatness shine
 In all the splendor Fortune
 can bestow?
 —Robert Burns.

The socialist vote in Oregon increased from 5763 in June, to 7615 in November. At the same ratio of increase, the vote would be 18,000 in 1908, enough to hold the balance of power in the state.

The horse-whipping given William Allen White by a Kansas woman, will be worth thousands of dollars to White from a literary standpoint. Multitudes of his readers will be anxious to know if the whipping made any improvement.

The enterprising merchants of Pendleton will run the excursion train from Walla Walla to this city on Wednesday, November 23. The people of Walla Walla are cordially invited to come over and spend the day in a good town. None are barred from the excursion.

It would be a gracious tribute to Missouri, if President Roosevelt should appoint Senator Cockrell to the vacancy on the canal commission. It would, in part, atone for the ungenerous and cruel political thrust given to Senator Morgan, in replacing him on the senate canal committee, without cause, after a lifetime of unselfish service. The step downward from Morgan to Hanna was immeasurable.

Several Pendleton churches are preparing to bring able evangelists to the city for a period of spiritual work during the winter. A few of these who are interested are hesitating, in doubt as to whether the city is ready for such work. Do the forces of evil ever stop to ask if the time is propitious for the spread of evil influence? Do they hesitate to begin their work at any hour of the night or day? With equal zeal and multiplied energy, the forces of morality and righteous government should decide instantly that all times are auspicious times for the beginning of a crusade against immorality, law-breaking and social evils. The forces of evil never sleep. Should the moral element in the community ever be off guard? Should they ever relax, ever ask if the hour is propitious? It is a fact, though lamented, that the rapid spread of wrong is made while the forces of right are hesitating, wondering, debating. Wrong never sleeps; all times are its chosen times for work. The same watchful, sleepless vigilance must be exercised to offset it, and gain ground upon it.

Desertion of families is coming to be one of the commonest crimes on the calendar, and Oregon has no law for the adequate punishment of the wretches guilty of it. Half the victims of the reform schools, poor houses and aid societies, come from the desertion of a family by either a brutal father or mother. The family does not suffer this crime alone. It becomes a burden on the state, increases taxes by making more dependents upon public charity, and has a demoralizing effect on society. It is too easy for heartless beasts to shake off the parental responsibility. It is too easy for shallow lunatics to wed, bring their swarms of brats into the world and then unload them on the tender mercies of the community. It is too easy for giggling girls to elope with some penniless and brainless "masher," against the protest of parents and friends. When the delusion and the novelty passes away, this giggling girl either deserts a family or is herself deserted, and the enrollment in the poor house, the reform school and the charitable institution is increased. The community must rear the offspring of folly. Nothing short of five years imprisonment should be given for desertion of a family.

NO DICTATOR YET.

The Morning Tribune, of this city, in its extremity of partisan narrowness, says, in an effort to applaud President Roosevelt, that the president expects to take an active part in the election of United States senators in several different states this winter.

The president would severely rebuke such sentiment, were it entertained by any considerable number of people. He is too intelligent, too broad, too much of an American to foster for an instant such a policy. This sentiment is one of the red flames of political anarchy, more dangerous than Herr Most's wildest dream of freedom, that flashes up in all civilized governments at times, exhibiting an insane partisan fanaticism, that would be pitiable were it not perilous.

Such an interference by the chief executive in the affairs of a state would be resented bitterly by the people. The president of the United States, under the present constitution, is the servant, not the dictator of the people. The states have reserved certain inalienable rights, certain principles of self-government, guaranteed under the constitution, which no president can usurp or set aside.

Going back to first principles, it must be admitted that the selection of United States senators by legislatures is wrong and subversive of popular rights. But to permit the selection of senators by dictation of a president would be immeasurably more unjust and un-American.

It is disgusting to think of a president of the United States descending from that exalted position in the machinery of the government to mix in partisan politics, to besmirch the office by engaging in a factional brawl in Oregon, Montana or New Jersey, in the selection of a United States senator.

Like any other private citizen the president can discourage political dishonesty by voice and pen; but he must remember that the people yet hold their constitutional rights; that until the people fail to perform their duties the chief executive must not interfere in state affairs—and by all the sacred traditions of popular government, he certainly must not interfere as a partisan, using the power he holds as a club to force legislatures to do his personal bidding!

The United States is not ready for a dictator. Such sentiment as that expressed by the Tribune shows the willingness of a woefully small class of abject partisan slaves to subvert every principle of the constitution to accomplish partisan aims.

MOTESTY IS DYING.

Modesty is an ancient virtue which used to be regarded as absolutely necessary in a true woman. It is sad to see how modern conditions are destroying that beautiful old quality. A pitifully large proportion of our girls—who certainly regard themselves as good women—actually do not know

what modesty is. Of course, they don't realize that they have sacrificed one of the sweetest charms of their sex—something that would make them more attractive and prettier if they had it.

Modesty is not timidity, or bashfulness, or coyness, or unsophistication, or prudishness, or coldness. It is a quality as definite and distinct and as delightful as kindness, or sympathy. And its manifestation is unmistakable. It is as lambent as a bright smile. Men recognize it as quickly as they recognize physical charms. And they respect modesty in women as thoroughly as they admire beauty.

The modest woman is the one whose manner with men is natural, who does not assume that immodest air of, "Well, gay sir, don't try your tricks on me—I'm mistress of the game and then some!" The impression of that sort of attitude is a challenge. It is a dare. It amounts to saying it in so many words.—Paul Thiemann, in Denver Post.

Progress in construction on the grounds and buildings of the Lewis and Clark exposition is far advanced and everything points to a completed fair on June 1.

SKIN DISEASES

Altoona, Pa., June 20, 1903.
 I was afflicted with Tetter in bad shape. It would appear in blotches as large as my hand, a yellowish color, and scale off. You can imagine how offensive it was. For twelve years I was afflicted with this trouble. At night it was a case of scratch and many times no rest at all. Seeing the good the medicine was doing a friend, who was taking it for Eczema, I commenced it, and as a result the eruption began to dry up and disappear, and to-day I am practically a well man. Only two tiny spots are left on the elbow and shin, where once the whole body was affected. I have every confidence in the medicine, and feel sure that in a short time these two remaining spots will disappear. S. S. S. is certainly a great blood purifier, and has done me a world of good. I am grateful for what it has accomplished, and trust that what I have said will lead others who are similarly afflicted to take the remedy and obtain the same good results that I have.
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